

## 1. Get Acquainted: Icebreaker

Whose voice impacts your life and thought most?

## 2. Worship: I Am Who You Say I Am -Lyrics

<https://open.spotify.com/track/0jBu6T5GgOekdHuXA5hVQM?si=qT8zgnUzTMitHFIDRtJWWA>

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me? I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me	I'm a child of God Yes I am In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am	In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am
Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me	I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am
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### 3. Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray With Us..

1. Worship the LORD for His gift of life and for His triumph over sin and death. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how His design for us (in His commands) is not burdensome but life-giving.
2. How have you lived ignoring God's Word and not cherishing the sound of His voice? Confess your sin and lovelessness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change you, turning your heart back to Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to save us. And thank the LORD, for the Father testifying to His Son; for Jesus' death in our place; for the Spirit's power and truth brought right into our hearts.
4. Who do you know that does not listen well? Ask the Lord to help you see what you look like *in your own sin*, and pray for them, asking Him to open their eyes to see and their ears to hear both His warnings and His promises of Grace if they will repent.
5. Ask the Spirit to open your ears to hear what He has to say, to cherish every word that He speaks. Pray for a longing for God's voice (like in Community Bible Reading), and eagerness to listen to others in love – like your friends, family, and co-workers.

### 4. Sermon Reflection: How We Know: We Overcome

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Passage: 1 John 5:1-12

Meditation Passage – 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Introduction: When have you felt no one was listening to you?

#### **What is not crushing?**

- Explain Christianity as a relationship vs rule keeping.
- Why does bearing the burden of rule keeping appeal to us? How is it easier than relationship?
- What commands are burden to you?
- When God commands, he is commending his person and work as a gift of grace to us. What is your favorite part of God's personality or character trait that you love or desire most?
- How have you rejected God as your father by rejecting his commands or wishing He did not have rules to follow?
- What happens if you leave one of the Faith, Love, Obey elements out of your walk with Christ? Which do you leave out most often?

**Loveless and Un-Listening**

- Who in your life do you listen to least? Most? Why?
- Humility loves so Humilty listens. What steps could you take to become a better friend and listener?
- How or where would you go for training in the art of listening?
- What is the problem of listening?

**The Power Of A Good Witness**

- Why does it matter that we have God’s testimony?
- Who is a sinner in your life that loves to sin and is only getting worse and worse but you are loving him/her more and more?
- What and whose words define you?
- How are you learning to define your life as God does?

5. **Mission**: Ssshhh. Our love offensive this week is “learning to love by listening”.

Launcher Questions – Let’s get the listening started!

- How would you rank me as a listener?
- What commands of God do you notice I ignore or break the most often?
- What commands of God do I live as if they are recommendations?
- What chore am I doing as a burden from your perspective?
- What chore, task, or relationship do you hear me complain about most or most often?
- What commands of God are burdensome for you?
- How does God turn a chore to a joy in your life?
- What of your chores are a burden to you?
- What used to be a chore that is now and a joy?
- How do you find joy in tasks you hate?
- What is the attitude of people in heaven as they do their chores?
- What is the attitudes of people in hell as they do their chores?